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SUBJECT: GEORGIAN PARTICIPATION AT THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO COMBAT NUCLEAR TERRORISM FOURTH MEETING IN MADRID JUNE 16-18

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- 11. This cable contains an action request, please see paragraph 3.
- Per reftel request, Poloff asked Nestan Bejanishvili, Third Secretary for the Security Policy and Euro-Atlantic Integration Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, whether Georgia would attend the Fourth Global Initiative (GI) meeting in Madrid and if the participants would be willing to give a presentation at the meeting. Bejanishvili said that the Foreign Ministry planned to send two representatives: Mr. George Dolidze, Deputy Director for Security Policy and Euro-Atlantic Integration; and Mr. Vasil Rubashvili, GI Point of Contact for Georgia, Second Secretary of the New Threats and Arms Control Division, Department for Security Policy and Euro-Atlantic Integration. She said that the participants currently plan to give a presentation on the current steps Georgia is taking to combat nuclear terrorism, but would consider the ideas raised in reftel for their presentation as well. Bejanishvili said that the Foreign Ministry did have some funds to cover a portion of the travel costs for Mr. Dolidze and Mr. Rubashvili, and asked if the USG had additional funds to help cover the cost of airfare and hotel expenses.
- ¶3. Action: Post requires guidance on whether the Department has available funding sources to support the Georgian delegation's travel to Madrid.
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